GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR GURUVAYOOR TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to declare Guruvayoor Temple as a centre of pilgrim tourism and provide funds to the State Govt. b for developing the infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to develop the beach near by, so that the pilgrims could enjoy the beauty of Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Development and promotion of places of tourist spots/interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, the Central Department of Tourism provides funds for development of different tourist places including pilgrim centers, on the basis of field visits/consultation with the States/UT Administrations concerned.

(b) and (c) : A project for construction of Tourist Lodge was sanctioned in 1992-93 for central financial assistance of Rs.49.50 lakhs. During the year 2003-04, a project for Integrated Development of Central Travel Circuit in Kerala consisting of Cochin − Kalady − Malayattur-Athirapalli-Trissur − Guruvayur-Malapuram − Kozikode has been sanctioned for financial assistance of Rs.500.00 lakhs which includes providing of tourist facilities and construction of Information Office at Guruvayoor for an amount of Rs.21.55 lakhs.